

ALL CAMP MEADE TROOPS TO JOIN IN BIG SHAM BATTLE

CAMP MEADE, Dec. 6.—Ten miles of open country to the north of the camp was today being transformed into a war zone, where the Seventy-ninth division will get its baptism of fire, in a nearly realistic as it is possible for French and English officers to simulate actual war.

Charts have been published following a survey by the 304th engineers and positions assigned to each regiment. The 312th regiment will occupy one flank and next will come the 314th, 315th, and 316th.

Will Fight Real Battle.
The troops will move into action under imaginary fire, fully equipped, accompanied by engineers, signal corps, supply and ammunition trains. Working under fire they will dig themselves in, establish communicating trenches, install a system of telephone from the rear to the front line trenches, construct dugouts and bombproofs.

The front line will stretch about a mile, but troops will have room to advance or retreat five miles, or launch turning and flank movements. All of the units have had individual practice in trench warfare, but it will be the first time the division will work as a whole with auxiliary forces co-operating. A regiment, or

Navy Finds Apparatus To Offset Poison Gas Perfect After Tests

Apparatus affording complete protection against poisonous gases has been perfected by the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, the Navy Department announced today.

Under the direction of the bureau, classes for the instruction of officers of the Navy and the Marine Corps have been formed. In these classes the men are exposed to the gases under conditions simulating those in service. All of the appliances are used. In every instance the demonstration has been successful and the protection complete.

more, will form the attacking party and constantly keep the front line workers in action.

Officers To Be Drilled.
The training out process for commissioned officers who have failed to measure up to the scratch began at Camp Meade today under the direction of an efficiency board composed of Lieut. Col. C. P. Brown, Major Patrick H. Stevens, Major E. F. Pepper, and Major Jesse R. Langley.

Officers of the reserve commissioned in the first training camp, who have failed to demonstrate marked ability in leadership, will be called before the board. They will be offered lower rank, or be permitted to resign. Their places will be filled by men recently commissioned from the noncoms, or men from the second training camp.

68-ACRE PLANT FOR SHIPS TO BE BUILT NEAR HERE

Preparation were being made today for beginning work on a new shipbuilding plant, to cover sixty-eight acres, on the Potomac river front near Jones Point, a short distance from Alexandria. Options on the land, it was said by Alexandria real estate men have been closed by the United States Steamship Company, and actual building operations will be started immediately.

The steamship company already has contracts for the construction of ships for the government, and expects to close another contract shortly calling for about \$18,000,000 additional. A large proportion of these contracts, it is said will be executed at the Virginia plant.

FIVE IN HOSPITAL FROM AUTO WRECK ON BALTIMORE PIKE

Albert J. Reiser, twenty-five years old, of Lancaster, Pa., is today lying in Casualty Hospital with a fractured skull as a result of an automobile accident last night on the Baltimore pike one mile north of Beltsville, Md. In the same hospital, suffering from shock, are his wife, mother-in-law, Mrs. Wilhelm, and Harry James, owner of the car in which the injured persons were riding. All are from Lancaster.

According to statements of the injured a passing automobile truck became unmanageable and crashed into them before James could steer out of the way, turning the lighter machine over and pinning Reiser underneath. Other in the party were thrown clear, and escaped with slight bruises and shock.

The truck was said to be owned by the Consolidated Truck Company of Hyattsville, but no such name appears in the directory. Reiser was brought to Washington by John S. Schreiner, of 1641 Irving street northwest.

CAMP MEADE HAS BEST HEALTH RATE

Camp Meade men are in the pink of fighting condition. This was shown today in the publication of health records by the surgeon general's office, giving this encampment a death rate of 6.1, the lowest of any post in the army.

The deaths in the national army and national guard camps for the week ending November 30 were 243. Of these, 182 were due to pneumonia. The lowest rate in the national guard was at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., 7.7 per thousand. The highest at Camp Bowie, 80.7. In the national army, Camp Meade was lowest, 6.1, and Camp Travis highest, 102.

There was a sharp outbreak of scarlet fever at Camp Pike, Little Rock, Ark., in which sixty-six cases and six deaths were reported. This, with a continuation of the measles epidemic at the same encampment, presented the most serious situation of the week.

HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS ARE EXCUSED FOR WORK

High-school pupils today have the official assurance of the Board of Education that they will be excused from school beginning with December 17 to work in the city's stores during the holiday shopping.

The board put its unanimous stamp of approval on a recommendation of Superintendent Thurston to this effect yesterday.

Mr. Thurston said that any high-school pupil in good standing, who had obtained a position preceding the holidays, would be allowed one week's leave, provided the child-labor laws of the District were observed.

The action of the board followed a request from Isaac Gans, of Saks & Co., and a resolution adopted by the Chamber of Commerce favoring the pre-holiday leave for students who wanted to aid the city's business men.

More Girl Messengers Wanted by Government; Examination Dec. 15

If you are a female citizen of the United States sixteen years old or over, and are willing to play the part of "the helping hand" to Uncle Sam, you may be a messenger girl in the Government service.

Announcement was made by the Civil Service Commission today of an examination for girl messengers to be held December 15. This is the second examination of its kind held in the history of the Civil Service Commission. The fact that the gaps in the service are to be filled by girls is an alarming proof of the shortage of male labor brought about by war conditions.

The usual entrance salary is \$260 a year, but appointments may be made at \$480. Application papers should be secured at once at the Civil Service building.

TOO MANY TRIPS TO WET BALTIMORE DIVORCE GROUNDS

Mrs. Edith Bowie, of 1306 Gallatin street northwest, alleges in her suit for divorce filed today, that Old John Barleycorn has weaned away from her the affections of her husband.

Too many trips to Baltimore, where it is charged the husband chummed with "Old John" to the exclusion of all other persons, returning to dry Washington thoroughly wet, according to Mrs. Bowie, has made her married life anything but a long, sweet dream of bliss.

In effect, Mrs. Bowie declares Mr. Sheppard's efforts to make the District dry have failed miserably, at least so far as her husband is concerned, for he has succeeded in becoming intoxicated five out of every seven days of the week.

"Since November 1, 1917, when the prohibition law went into effect in the District of Columbia, the said defendant has spent about five out of seven evenings a week in the city of Baltimore, State of Maryland, where he would become extremely intoxicated and come home in an intoxicated condition, hire a taxicab and would curse and abuse me," says Mrs. Bowie in her bill of complaint.

Pending a hearing on December 14, Attorneys Lambert and Yeatman, for Mrs. Bowie, suggested in getting an injunction from Justice Siddons, enjoining Bowie from interfering in any manner with Mrs. Bowie or her child, Mary Frances Bowie.

The Bowies were married in June, 1910, in Clarendon, Va., her complaint states, and for a long time prior to 1916 she was ill-treated to such an extent she was forced to leave her husband. Upon the husband's promise to quit drinking whiskey, it is said, a reconciliation was effected. He started drinking again, it is averred, and when under the influence of liquor constantly ill-treated her.

3 WOMAN VICTIMS OF ACCIDENTS BRING SUITS

Damage suits aggregating \$38,000 were filed today in the District Supreme Court for personal injuries to three Washington women.

Twenty-five thousand dollars is asked of the Washington Railway and Electric Company by Mrs. Lore McCarthey for alleged injury on October 12, last, by the collision of two cars at Elizabeth street and New York avenue.

Ten thousand dollars is asked by Joseph T. Klawans, administrator of the estate of May Klawans, his wife, from the Power Efficiency Corporation. It is alleged that while crossing sixteenth street at Harvard, on October 19, last, Mrs. Klawans was run into by a automobile of the power corporation. She died of her injuries.

Three thousand dollars is asked of the United Cigar Stores by Ethel Marie Gates for injuries to her right hand, shoulder, and head. Mrs. Gates alleges that on July 23, last, she was injured by the company's store at 841 Pennsylvania avenue, and that a servant of the company caused an awning to fall on her.

\$19,275,385 DIVIDEND OF FORD CO. ORDERED

DETROIT, Dec. 6.—Judge Hooper, in his final decree in the Dodge-Ford suit for distribution of profits ordered that the Ford Motor Company, declare a dividend within thirty days of \$19,275,385.

The company is also forbidden hereafter to accumulate profits "in excess of such as may be reasonably required in the conduct of the business."

Soldier Needs Tobacco First, Then Bible, Says Pennsylvania Pastor

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 6.—"Next to a package of tobacco, almost every soldier wants a copy of the New Testament," said Rev. Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr, pastor of the Shady Side Presbyterian Church, in an address to more than 100 persons at the vesper service at the Central Young Women's Christian Association. Dr. Kerr's subject was "Bible Reading," and he explained particularly the movement to present Bibles to soldiers in the training camps and cantonments.

NEW U. S. BOARD TO CONVERT FACTORIES INTO WAR PLANTS

A war board for the conversion of the non-essential industries of the United States into essential industries has been created by the Council of National Defense. The new board is to be headed by George N. Peck, vice president of the Deere Plow Company. It will operate under the war industries board of the council.

Creation of this new body is a part of the program for curtailing of the non-essential industries.

This program has been fixed following a meeting of the recently organized war council, which is composed of the members of the Council of National Defense, with industry, Adair, Dr. Garfield, Herbert Hoover, Daniel Willard, head of the war industries board, and Chairman Hurley, of the Shipping board.

Plans Changed.
There will be no curtailment of non-essentials industry as such.

With not enough coal, raw materials and railroad cars to go around, the subject will be approached in a different manner. Every facility and war power of Government will be utilized in giving preferential treatment to the essential industries. The non-essentials will get what is left over, if there is anything.

In addition to this the new conversion board will aid any of the non-essential industries seeking such aid. In converting their plants to the manufacture of war materials so that they will become essential industries and get preferred treatment.

Action Begun Today.
Action on the new program began today. It is part of the general war program of bringing every activity of the nation under centralized Federal control to insure against waste of effort and lost motion.

BREAD FAMINE RESULTS WHEN BAKERY BURNS

HOWELL, Mich., Dec. 5.—Fire caused apparently by defective wiring destroyed the bakery of Dickson & Son here today, causing a loss of \$10,000 and resulting in a bread famine here last night. A ton of flour and 500 loaves of bread were burned. Miss Ruby Dickson, sister of the proprietor, Alva Dickson, climbed to safety from the second-story window on a ladder.

McADOO APPOINTS CHICAGOAN.

Secretary McAdoo has announced the appointment of Stuart G. Shepherd, of Chicago, as deputy commissioner of the legal branch of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance.

BELGIAN REPUBLIC, ALBERT PRESIDENT, FORECAST BY M. C.

When the war is ended and Belgium is restored, King Albert will advocate the making of his country into a republic.

Such is the prediction of Congressman Albert Johnson of Washington State, one of a party of ten Congressmen received by the Belgian King recently in course of their visit to the battle front.

It is also the belief of Mr. Johnson that King Albert will advocate woman suffrage, and that, as a result of his great popularity and the added favor in which he will be held after the institution of such reforms, the King will be elected first President of the new republic.

In a letter to Mrs. Helen Gardner, of the Congressional committee of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, Congressman Johnson writes that in his discussion with the Belgian King the monarch showed the liveliest interest in the actual workings of suffrage in some of our States, and that "when his kingdom is restored he is sure to give suffrage to the women of that terribly stricken country."

"In fact, it would not surprise me if King Albert should advocate and make of Belgium a republic," he adds. "Should he take that step, the people there would surely elect him President."

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The Sinsheimer Shoe Co., 3146 M St. N. W.
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Hench & Co., 3136 M St. N. W.
S. M. Grienbaum, 3131 M St. N. W.
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Travers Co., 314 7th St. N. W.
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The Sinsheimer Shoe Co., 3146 M St. N. W.
Harrell Shoe Shop, 3130 14th St. N. W.

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The Globe Clothing Co., 803 Pa. Ave.
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